# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:147
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2001
DANGER TO HOSPITALS IN DELHI
RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government Hospital buildings in Delhi are likely to collapse in any major earthquake, as reported in `Dainik Jagaran` dated January 31, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these buildings have become structurally weak due to absence of proper maintenance; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to strengthen these buildings so as to be able to withstand an earthquake?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the table of Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 147 FOR 7.3.2001

(a)&(b) The CPWD has informed on 2.3.2001 that most of the Central Government Hospitals buildings - namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr.Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals - were originally single storeyed, built during the pre-independence period. Subsequently, multi storeyed buildings were constructed by CPWD in phases to meet the ever-increasing demand of patients. The old single-storeyed buildings have out-lived their useful life and have become weak. These are being dismantled in phases to make place for multi-storeyed blocks which have been designed to withstand earthquake forces as per relevant codes of Bureau of Indian Standards. These buildings are thus expected to withstand earthquakes of reasonable intensity as laid down in relevant codes. After recent earthquake of 26th January, 2001 in Gujarat, CPWD Field Engineers carefully inspected all these buildings. No distress was noticed in any of the structural members of these buildings.

(c) No, Sir. Buildings have become structurally weak due to obsolescence and wear and tear , associated with extensive use of buildings. No structural distress was noticed on any of these buildings after the earthquake of 26.1.2001.

(d) Does not arise.